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FYI: ARMY PAPER LAUDS COURAGE OF SOVIET AIRMEN IN DRA

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<> MOSCOW <><>KRASNAYA ZVEZDA<><> IN RUSSIAN 3 AUGUST 1985 SECOND EDITION
 CARRIES ON PAGE 3 A 1,950-WORD REPORTAGE BY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
 MAJOR A. OLIYNIK UNDER THE HEADLINE "SIZZLING SKY: ON THE COURAGE
 AND SKILL OF SOVIET HELICOPTER CREWS IN AFGHANISTAN" DESCRIBING
 THE WORK DONE BY HELICOPTER CREWS IN THE DRA. ON THE BASIS OF THE
 EXPERIENCE OF THE HELICOPTER CREW LED BY CAPTAIN PYRIN, WHO HAS
 BEEN AWARDED THE ORDER OF THE RED STAR AND THE KOMSOMOL "MILITARY
 VALOR" MEDAL, OLIYNIK DESCRIBES THE TYPICAL TASKS PERFORMED BY
 HELICOPTER CREWS IN THE DRA: RESCUING WOUNDED SERVICEMEN,
 DROPPING LANDING FORCES, AND TRANSPORTING FOOD, MEDICINES, AND COMBAT
 HARDWARE. SUCH TASKS, HE STRESSES, MOST FREQUENTLY INVOLVE
 PERILOUS LANDINGS AND TAKEOFFS, SOMETIMES AT NIGHT, AND ALWAYS RUN
 THE RISK OF DUCHMAN ATTACK. "EACH FLIGHT," OLIYNIK CONTINUES, "IS
 A TEST -- OF FLYING SKILL, PRESENCE OF MIND, AND COURAGE." AND HE
 CONCLUDES THAT "THE GROUND SUBUNITS OF THE LIMITED CONTINGENT OF
 SOVIET FORCES IN AFGHANISTAN ARE ALWAYS UNDER RELIABLE COVER FROM
 THE AIR." NO FURTHER PROCESSING PLANNED. 3 AUG AG/MARSHALL/DP
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